

REMARKS

Reconsideration of the Office Action dated March 31, 2005 is respectfully requested.

With respect to the rejection of claims 5 and 6 for lacking sufficient antecedent basis for, respectively, “the mounting position” (Claim 5) and “the side surface of said slipping down flat plate building material” (Claim 6), reconsideration is respectfully requested in view of the above amendment to the claims. Claim 1 now specifically includes antecedent support for the above-quoted objected to limitation in Claim 6. Claim 2 now provides antecedent support for the objected to limitation “the mounting position” recited in Claim 5.

In view of the above, it is now respectfully submitted that claims 5-7 now conform fully to 35 U.S.C. §112, ¶2. A holding to this effect is respectfully solicited.

Turning now to the rejections based on prior art (1) under 35 U.S.C. §102b [Claim 1 as anticipated by Bennett ‘020]; (2) under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being rendered obvious by Bennett ‘020 in view of Brewer, et al. ‘244 [Claims 2, 4 and 5]; (3) under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being rendered obvious by Bennett ‘020 in view of Brewer ‘244 and Pease ‘077 [Claims 3 and 5] and (4) as being rendered obvious under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) over Bennett ‘020 in view of Brewer ‘244 and Pease ‘077 and further in view of Ferdinand ‘196, reconsideration is respectfully requested.

It is respectfully submitted that none of these references alone or in combination either anticipate [§102(b)] or render obvious [§103(a)] the claimed invention. Nowhere, for example, does any reference, alone or in combination, teach or suggest to form an inclined base, per Claim 1 as now amended with a “slope sufficient” to accomplish the recited task. As per the specification (see page 2) this unique feature creates exceptional efficiency and overcomes a significant problem in the prior art.

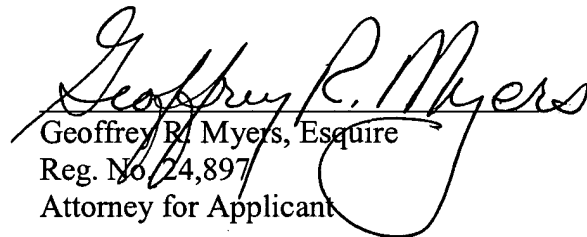
In view of the above, it is respectfully submitted that this case is in condition for allowance and may be passed to issue forthwith. A holding to this effect is respectfully solicited.

If, however, any minor issues remain, the Examiner is respectfully requested to call the undersigned for the purpose of conducting a brief interview to resolve any such remaining issues.

It is believed that no fee is due with this submission. Should that determination be incorrect, then please debit Deposit Account No. 50-0644 and notify the undersigned.

Respectfully submitted,

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